

**CHECKOUT SYSTEM INCLUDING
A PRODUCT SECURITY LABEL DEACTIVATOR**

Abstract of the Invention

5 A checkout system which includes a product security
label deactivator with a sensor for assisting operators with
proper deactivation of security labels. The checkout system
includes a computer, a barcode reader coupled to the
computer for reading a barcode label on an item, and a
10 security system coupled to the computer and activated by the
barcode reader following reading of the barcode label
including a field generator for deactivating a security
label on the item, and a sensor for sensing placement of the
item adjacent to the field generator. The security system
15 initiates display of a message instructing the operator to
place the item adjacent the field generator until the sensor
senses the placement.